

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2880

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TRAVEL ADVISORIES TO TOURISTS BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES .

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether American and British travel advisories have advised their citizens not to visit Pushkar in Rajasthan during the annual cattle festival due to threat of terrorism;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to instil confidence in tourists destined for India;
- (c) whether the US Ambassadors in Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore wanted these countries to be excluded from the purview of US warnings;
- (d) if so, whether India would pursue the matter with the US Embassy; and
- (e) if so, the details and the decisions arrived at?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHIR JAGMOHAN)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Government of India through Indian Missions, Posts and India tourism Offices abroad have been regularly publicizing that it is safe for tourists to travel to India.
- (c): The Government is not aware of the situation in this regard.
- (d) and (e): Does not arise.